

REMARKS:

Claims 3, 4, 8, 9 and 10 have been amended to correct minor inconsistencies in language between the definition of the layers in Claim 1 and the language used in the dependent claims. It is believed that these amendments overcome those inconsistencies.

Claims 20, 21 and 22 have been cancelled as these claims were merely duplicative.

Claim 1 has been amended to make fully clear that the weight of the second layer which is stated (to be less than 0.5 ounces per square foot) is the weight of the total layer and not some component thereof. It is believed that this is fully clear from the claim and arguments previously presented and fully in accordance with the understanding of the examiner. Hypothetically, if the total layer of a prior document has a total weight of 1 ounce per square foot, then one could satisfy this requirement by selecting only the top 50 % of the layer. The feature concerned therefore is and must be and always has been a definition of the total weight of the fibers of the layer concerned, that is the transverse layer. The minor correction merely makes this clear even to a person trying to misunderstand the claim and apply a contorted interpretation.

It is requested therefore that the minor corrections presented herein be entered for the purposes of the Appeal Brief to be filed shortly.

Respectfully submitted

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